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I REALIZE THAT THERE REMAIN WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. I APPRECIATE ALSO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE HOPED THAT, PRIOR TO ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS, WE COULD ACHIEVE A MAXIMUM MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON THESE ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR ON THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. ISRAEL, FOR ITS PART, WOULD  
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THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH WE SEE AS BEING CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS MEANS, INCLUDING TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE THROUGH OUR CONTINUING MEDIATION EFFORTS BOTH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE AND BILATERALLY. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, IN THIS RESPECT, THAT MY VIEWS ON SOLUTIONS TO THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS REMAIN AS I DESCRIBED THEM TO YOU IN OUR MEETINGS, AND IN SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND THAT THE U.S. WILL BE GUIDED BY THESE VIEWS IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS MEDIATION ROLE.

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